Utica Nov. 2 – '43

My dear Friend

Yours of Oct. 25 did not reach me till yesterday. And now, before I forget it let me tell you that my post office address is Utica, not Waterloo, and has been since the 10 Oct. – Will you say in the Liberator that this will be my address till Spring – I cannot attack third party by endorsing D. Lee Child for the same reason that I cannot attack it by endorsing the N. Y. Observer and the Commercial Advertizer – I think with you that our first and bitterest enemy is Liberty Party's leading influences – But shall I, to exterminate that enemy, endorse a man that fails to attack the enemy upon opp.? I will not review Childs course since he has taken the editorial chair but if E. Quincy will not say of it as he did last Spring in Com. Meeting of his Washington correspondence, then I shall think him in party blinders – Look at the last Standard occupied with Webster's Speech, and the comments on that Speech an untempered mortar daubing instead of a bold Anti Slavery exposure of this wolf of wolves – My very soul loathes his ~~[illegible]~~ truckling course towards the Whig party, and he shall ever receive my condemnation till he changes his course He must cease carrying ammunition, arms and provisions to the camp of the enemy, but commence a regular cannonade ~~of~~ on that camp – Had we only such a paper as you would have given us we should be able to crush the nearest as well as the most distant foe, right speedily – That I have been used by Liberty Party for the destruction of moral influence to a far greater extent than I had supposed is now evident to my own eyes – But the lines are distinct now, thank heaven, and though my feelings revolted at the thought of pitching the battle I am relieved and most happy since it has been pitched – – – I do not ask that Child be given up at the cry of Liberty Party – He is not my editor and my heart sunk within me when the majority of the 25 Com. voted for him – They sacrificed principle to talent – Men of the true principle could be obtained, but they had not the talent – My motto is "the weak shall confound the strong the foolish the wise" Had we even such a paper as Hathaway or some other with help could make up for us my heart would leap for joy. The resolutions of the last Ann. Meeting were not, I trust, intended by any ~~one~~ person as proscription of any one – Certainly such a thought was the farthest possible from my heart – It was the expression of the Society's view of consistency – I would say rather it was the Society's view of what was inconsistency. Consistency requires now for more in the view of many – This (the expressed wishes of the Society) does not proscribe D. L. C. as a member, but as an editor indicates the course he should pursue – He should carry out the wishes of his constituents. If an editor of a Society may be independent of the wishes of the Society then Joshua Leavitt is justified in advocating political partyism in the Columns of the Emancipator in the winter and Spring of 1840. You mistake when you say it is those who have a tendency to third Partyism that are not satisfied with the Standard – Those who express the most dissatisfaction are our Non resistants, come outers from the government and balance of power abolitionists – In one word it is our main dependence in the State – Those who have even a tendency to third Party are not our reliance – The most effective weapon of Liberty Party against us is this same Standard. Save us from our friends and we will take care of our enemies – The Press is owned by its Publisher who has invested his all in it and is now working for bread for his family – He is in most delightful distress – His all is going, going, gone – The Press can't live – It is hated even of its strictest partizans – We are anticipating a Split in form between Gerrit Smith, Green and Co. and the Stewart Clique – The Split already exists in fact. After election Gerrit will make some developments – What they will be remains to be seen – I think it will be the sixth edition of Colonization – I think you say Union was the second, Clerical appeal third, New organization fourth, Liberty Party fifth. Is it not time for the sixth with revisions and improvements? See if I am a false prophet – I have visited Gerrit lately – Now call me fool, for I was, but I did it to satisfy others. For the future I satisfy myself – Perhaps it was bad policy to attend the Buffalo Convention, but I am not yet satisfied that it was – Had I not gone then I should not have the satisfaction now, of knowing that the leading Party men are informed of the principles and measures of the American Society. They will have an opportunity of choosing with their eyes open – Some will be saved that otherwise would not. Could the foolish idea that getting Liberty Party men who are sound abolitionists, even, into office, is necessary to obtain the abolition of slavery, be got out of the heads of the abolitionists who have been under the influence of these demagogues, many might be saved. I think a republication of C. C. Burleigh's Speech, delivered at the N. E. Convention in '39 I think, showing that slavery is not "a creature of law" but of public sentiment with other arguments and facts showing that slavery will be abolished before abolitionists can be elected to office, and at the same time enforcing the duty of abstaining from pro-slavery voting as a testimony and therefore a means of changing public sentiment, or if one thinks it a duty to go to the polls enforcing on him the duty of casting ballots for abolitionists, as a sermon in favor of liberty — I say could such a Liberator extra be got out, with care, I would take the responsibility of paying for two or three thousand — So many honest abolitionists are deluded with the idea that slave laws never can be wiped out except by the pen of ~~those~~ anti-slavery Legislators that they are or will become partizans — Cannot such a Liberator be issued forthwith? — It would do more to bring New-York to its senses than any thing I can now suggest — If we desire to destroy Leavitt and Co. — And we must do it or be ourselves destroyed — We must enlighten those honest souls they have deceived into their support — I am most happy to see the war go on in Mass. but let us see to it that we use the best weapons — That we leave not the people to believe we are mere abstractionists — Let us constantly keep before the people the fact that we are doing the work of abolishing slavery — The Third partyists are deceiving the people constantly into the idea that they are doing this by their votes — Bro. Foster will bring this to you and I hope you will have a long conversation with him — You are unacquainted with each other ~~and~~ but ought not to be — I read him the letter you handed me when we parted and which was written before I reached B. — You may recollect it was terribly severe on him — He says there is much misrepresentation and I fear it will hinder a more intimate acquaintance between you which I shall regret — You undervalue him and I think are greatly prejudiced against him — He is also prejudiced against you — This is a great pity — He is one of our best and most devoted life offerings. He has done great service since he has been here though his health has not permitted his constant lecturing —

In regard to the Ann. Meetings of the Societies of this State one word — You may as well advertise them as I suggested in my last for the Western Society at Rochester 12 and 13 and for the ~~Eas~~ Central Society at Utica 19 and 20 — Append the names of the Chairman of the Ex. Com. Saml. Lightbody and the Sec. Wm. C. Rogers to the call for the Central and J. C. Hathaway Cor. Sec. to the call for the Western. I may not be understood — The Ex. Com. calls the Central Meeting by its Chairman and Secretary and the Cor. Sec. calls the Western Meeting — I hope you will blow a large blast under the editorial head now, and again ~~at~~ just before the time of the holding of the meeting — It is absolutely necessary that notice be given that W. Phillips and the Hutchinsons will attend ~~should be, notified to attend~~ we have twice written to the Hutchinsons but can learn nothing of them. We must have something to call the people out — I thought if the meetings were postponed till after the decade meeting some of the agents might come from thence here — Bradburn is I suppose~~d~~ engaged to go to Western N. Y. and I hope he will come directly here from Philadelphia — And perhaps Monroe will also come. We must make a fair appearance in this time when the greatest efforts are being put forth to destroy us — Not a stone will be left unturned by the enemy — We must have talent and skill on the spot — I cannot drum up a Conv meeting unless I can say that some worthies will be here — Many can come here directly from the decade meeting — It will be worth every thing to the cause to have it a tremendous gathering — We want to confirm the tottering — — I am in hopes Foster will return to N.Y. to spend the winter if his health shall allow of his lecturing. He is not half appreciated where he is best known and of course he is not so well known here as in N. Eng. Yet there are those here who can appreciate his great sacrifices and his eminent services —

Whether I shall go to the Decade meeting I have not decided
I want to be there and shall go if the wherewithal comes to
hand — If it comes not I shall think it is not best
for me to be there. Yours affectionately Abby K. —

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